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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REORGANIZATION.

A campaign is underway for the reorganization of the local chamber of commerce. It is a movement that looks not only to increasing the membership in such an important civic organization but one that should arouse the interest and cooperation of everyone who is looking to see the city advance, who is desirous of having a successful organization for the handling of the problems connected with municipal development and who is ready to take off his coat and help provide the live chamber of commerce which it is believed is needed.

Following previous experiences and considerations of the local chamber of commerce, it has been considered wise to perfect the reorganization under the direction of those who are experts in this line of effort, who have tackled similar propositions elsewhere with excellent results and who are able to judge and criticize impartially the local situation.

It is invariably the case whatever the organization that there are the many who desire to obtain the benefits secured as the result of a tremendous struggle on the part of a few. It is the one-sided situation which too often lies at the bottom of troubles of organizations which fail to function where the results which might be desired are not obtained.

There is no reason why Norwich should not have an active and enthusiastic chamber of commerce, alert to discover and supply its needs, as any city of its size. Much responsibility rests upon such an organization. It is its work and it is expected to produce results but it is to be realized that anything worth having must be maintained in keeping with the service expected of it.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the reorganization effort underway will prove to be as great a success as the most enthusiastic could anticipate. It raises, however, with those who can and should do their part to say the word.

FINDING OUT ABOUT SUGAR.

In connection with the sugar situation as it prevails today in this country the outcome of the investigation which is now being conducted by the attorney general of Massachusetts will be awaited with interest. This is an effort to find out the facts regarding the activities of the two sugar refiners in that state as the result of charges that have been made by the committee on necessities of life.

Although the bottom has fallen out of the sugar market due to a large extent to the restriction of credits it appears that there are in the two Boston refineries 16,000,000 pounds of raw sugar, that more is steadily being received, that there are millions of pounds of refined sugar on hand and the plants are daily turning out more but one will not sell for less than 22 1/2 cents a pound and the other is not in the market at the present time and will sell none except that which has been contracted for at 22 1/2 cents a pound, against which contracts the wholesalers are kicking and endeavoring to obtain relief under the claim that many will be ruined if they are forced to meet the contracts under existing conditions, with sugar retailing all the way from 15 to 25 cents a pound. Contracts as to quantity may be regarded the same as contracts regarding other matters unless it can be shown that they were forced upon the grocers. Testimony has shown that the contracts were signed following "intimation from refiners that if the contracts were not signed the wholesalers' grocers need not look to them (the refiners) for any supply during an expected sugar shortage this fall." These contracts now force wholesalers to buy at a figure several cents higher than retailers are selling sugar for and efforts to get relief have failed.

Whether there is justification for it or not ought to be brought out by the inquiry but it is claimed that one refinery holding 10,000,000 pounds for the highest price could afford to sell for 12 cents a pound and then make enormous profits. Prices are high enough when at the lowest point without holding back such a volume of sugar that unjust profits may be obtained.

THE RIGHT ATTITUDE.

Such steps as have been taken thus far by the republicans of Massachusetts cannot fail to convince them they fully recognize the unjust position in which they have been placed as the result of the action of State Treasurer Burrell in connection with the handling of state funds and that they are disposed not only to condemn his action but to do their utmost to see that he is not re-elected this month.

Under the provisions of the primary law his name is the only republican one for that office that can appear on the ballot. The disclosures made came too late for the inclusion of any other, but there is an opportunity by the use of stickers to let it be known that the republicans do not approve of the methods Burrell has been using, and while it means some bother and the resort to a voting privilege that is little used there appears to be good reason for believing that Burrell's candidacy for reelection will be blocked.

Just what effect the appeal which has been made to Burrell that he withdraw his name will have is to some degree indicated by the previous unwillingness on the part of the state treasurer to retire from the office. It is undertaken in advance of the coming fight with stickers in hopes that he will realize the impossibility of action on his part in justice to party interest, but heretofore his attitude has been to let bygones be bygones under the promise that he will do different another time.

Such cannot be accepted by the republicans and they will not allow themselves to thus condone his conduct. If Burrell will not withdraw his name it will mean a determined fight to beat him and there seems to be no question of such an accomplishment unless the entrance of too many names against him serves to increase his chances. It rests with the republicans to guard against such a possibility and to make such that the reputation of Burrell is completely should not only be opposed but defeated.

CHILD WELFARE WORK.

The national child labor committee has for years been working in behalf of better conditions for children. It has not only been doing its utmost to reduce the amount of work required of children but it has been devising its endeavors to getting laws which would insure better educations for them. It has accomplished much good but the objective for which it has been laboring are far from being fully obtained. There are commendable improvements but the reform comes gradually. There must therefore be continued the good work that has already borne good fruit and promises to much more and in great quantity.

A decade and a half ago a child of ten years in Alabama could be required to work a half a day longer each day than a great army of our adult workmen throughout the country consider a day's work now. Twelve hours a day for a child was a general practice and there was no law that required schooling that would interfere therewith. Little thought was given to the future citizenship. More consideration was given to the benefits accruing from the products of child labor. The national child labor committee kept busy at its work till it stopped this practice and secured a compulsory education law for all persons under 14 and an eight-hour day for children over 14 and a state child welfare department. It has done similar work in other states and helped to materially change child labor conditions. That it should go before the country in an appeal for funds to continue its work is only natural and it should quickly get whatever support is required. It is working for a condition which means national betterment and deserves every encouragement.

How much work is still needed in the way of better educational efforts is well indicated by the illustration given by former Secretary Lane of the interior department when he declared that it would require over three months' time for the five and a half million illiterates to pass a given point if formed in a double line and marched at intervals of three feet and at the rate of 25 miles a day.

TENNESSEE'S MUDDLE.

The action which has been taken by the lower house of the Tennessee legislature revoking the action on the suffrage amendment which had previously been recorded favorably and which has been so certified to the federal department of state and as the result ratification of the amendment proclaimed to the country revolves about the legality of the action of the various steps through which the matter has passed in that legislature.

There have been instances where states have turned about face and repudiated an amendment after having previously approved it, but such action took place before certification of the legislative act had been made to Washington. It does not appear that there has ever arisen a case just like the present either as to the character of the fight waged or as to the steps being the one on which national ratification depended. In other instances where states have rejected after ratifying there were sufficient which had approved so that the needed three-quarters remained.

The situation in Tennessee seemingly presents a tangle which must revolve about the legality of the legislative action as to the ratification, the certification and the subsequent revocation. It is a muddle which, while not anticipated in this form recalls the assent made some time ago that for safety efforts should be made to secure more than the actual 26 states necessary to ratify in order to anticipate just such a question.

As matters have developed there is a new tangle for the parliamentarians and possible the courts to unravel. In the meantime does the proclamation of the ratification hold good? With a special session of the Connecticut legislature called for the purpose of amending election laws, such action being based upon the ratification proclamation, Connecticut may yet be the state whose action will really settle the matter.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Much is being said about the terrible automobile death toll and yet it continues to increase instead of abate.

The public in Brooklyn are getting an excellent idea of what friends they have in the railway company employees.

Prices seem to move in just the opposite direction from what the department of justice promises to send them.

Those who obey when the bell is rung for straw hats realize that there is but a short two weeks before the change.

From the attitude of the miners it looks as if somebody's coal was going to be left in the ground in Pennsylvania.

The man on the corner says: Even the coal investigation don't seem to make the cost of filling the bin any cheaper.

"Governor Cox submits more proof," says a headline. No one has been able to discover where he has presented any proof thus far.

When Hays challenges the democrats to try to settle the country's problems instead of slinging mud, Governor Cox may not consider he is so well qualified.

With Tennessee revoking its ratification of the suffrage amendment the special session of the Connecticut legislature may have more business before it than the call indicates.

Connecticut has made a gain in population in the last ten years which plainly reveals the result of the way the industries of the state met the demand for war material.

Will vessels unable to take it away as fast as they are ordered New England ought to work no harm while reliefing congestion since the suspension is limited.

SHE BOUGHT A TIRE

"Thanks for letting me take those rubber mats over to Lamson's," grinned the shipping clerk.

"Don't get sarcastic," warned the assistant salesmanager. "I know that stack of mats was pretty heavy and this spring weather's not conducive to exercising; but I hope you've still got pep enough to handle up those two rolls of six inch 5's and cut that sample of steam hose."

The shipping clerk returned with the cut sample, still grinning. "What all you, anyhow?" snorted the assistant salesmanager. "Did the Lamson Rubber company turn you loose down cellar, or what happened?"

"Nope! It all happened upstairs," explained the shipping clerk. "A lady was buying a tire. She didn't have a spare, so when her left rear tire blew on the boulevard she had to pull into the curb and locate the nearest tire man. Lamson's place was right in front of her eyes."

"I'll bet Lamson soaked her all right," said the salesmanager. "It's make automobile tires out of old bath robes if he could, and then he'd sell 'em for genuine hard rubber."

"The trouble with this young lady," went on the shipping clerk, "was that she told Lamson himself right off the reel she didn't know a blooming thing about tires. 'First, he tried to make her pay \$67.50 for a plain tread tire—she said she got out her check book and shows him that her bank balance is only \$42.50, telling him she'd have to keep a couple dollars in reserve to hold her checking account till her father came through on the first with a fresh allowance."

"Lamson swallowed conspicuously and told one of the boys to bring down a 34 by 4 1/2 Wilsons, also a tube, the whole of which he promised to forecast reserve. But it is doubtful whether it shows anything else, except perhaps that the women's vote oscillates more and tends to encourage 'landslide' results."

Shipping Challenge—Without rushing into a panic, we must carefully watch the American challenge to the supremacy of our mercantile marine. Since it began operations the United States Shipping Board has completed just under 12 million tons of shipping, while about 1 1/2 million more are under construction. This large and up-to-date tonnage is in process of passing into the hands of great corporations, directed by some of the most active minds in the American business world.

British shipping supremacy was not built up in a day; and it will not be lost in a day either. Our shipping concerns have great resources of experience, and can be trusted to put up a good fight.

World's Baby Stamp—Dr. Johnson's dictum that "births at all times bear the same proportion to the same number of people" looks rather like a wide shot in the presence of a row of figures just published by the Cambridge University Press. These figures occur in the report of a paper read by Mr. G. Udny Yule, M. A., at the University, and they show that in England and Wales the annual birth rate per thousand has been halved in the last 40 years. In the light of this comparison the present baby boom in London leaves us still far behind our grandfathers in the art of stretching the population. In the world competition for posterity, Serbia stands first and Australia last, with England in the penultimate position.

Long Acquainted—A hundred and forty-four years is believed to be the age of the Millway Hall mulberry tree which has just fallen crashing to the ground. But there are older mulberry trees in existence, and they thrive so well in this country that it is surprising that they were not earlier imported by our forebears. It is generally claimed that they were introduced into this country by James I., who planted a grove of them—the celebrated mulberry garden—where Buckingham Palace now stands. But tree and fruit were at any rate known here long before, and Camden relates how Archbishop Morton, of Henry VIII's reign, by a bad pun designed as his excuse for a "mor" (from "morus") a mulberry tree growing out of a tun.

Pigeons o' London—A distinct increase in the number of maimed pigeons in the London streets has been noticed lately. The network of overhead telegraph and telephone wires that criss-crosses the majority of thoroughfares is undoubtedly a danger to the birds of the metropolis. The Post Office authorities, however, are always willing to provide safeguards if they can find anyone to pay for them. The safeguard consists of small steel tabs which are suspended from the wires, thus giving the birds indication of presence of obstruction. Experience has proved that the tab warning is an extremely efficient device. —London Chronicle.

Stories That Recall Others

Disillusioned.

He was waiting for his shoes in a while-you-wait repair shop and was impressed by the apparent femininity, neatness and self-respect of the young woman attending the counter. He didn't like to see her handling worn shoes. It didn't seem quite fitting. He was wishing she were in another environment.

Just then his shoes were passed along from the workman to her. She took them, looked at the tag, called a boy and pointing to the meditating customer, said: "Take these to that gink over there."

No More Secrets.

Late in the afternoon Harry came in with his face and hands very clean and his hair freshly smoothed back. His mother looked at him and exclaimed: "Harry, I told you not to go swimming with Bob Ross."

"How did you know that I have been

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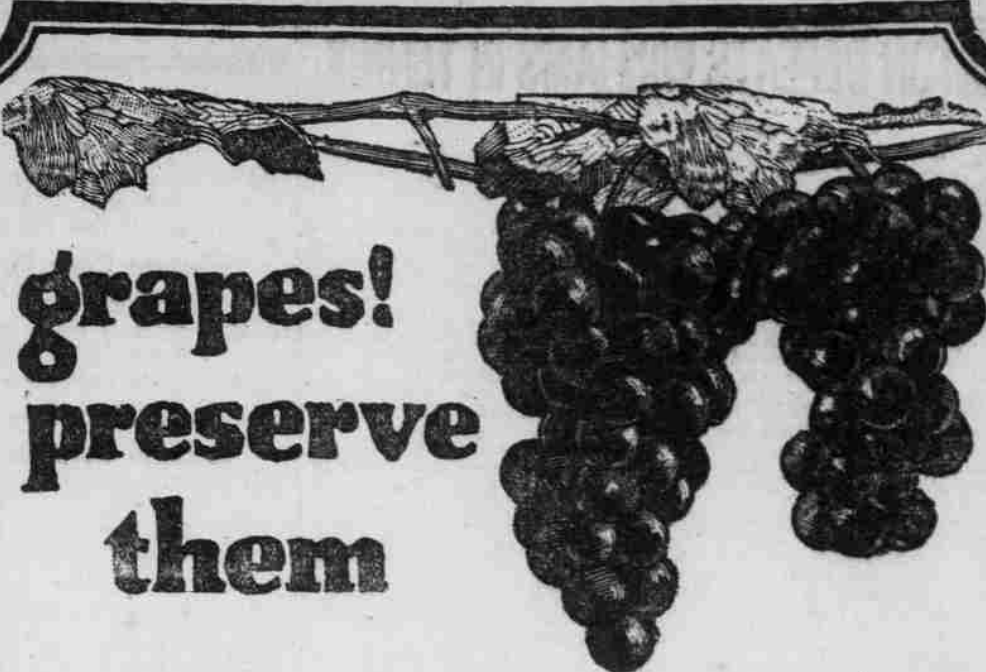
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swimming?" asked Harry.

"Never mind who told me, but I know that you have been swimming," replied the mother.

After a while Harry said: "I'll just let you anything that Mrs. Ross was over here this afternoon and you and Mrs. Ross had that quip board out."

Machinist Sixty Years Ago.

A. G. Farquhar, treasury vice president and past president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, started as a machinist's apprentice, in 1856, in a shop that was considered large—it employed about ten workmen. In the second of the series of articles in September System, relating his experiences of sixty-four years of successful business, Mr. Farquhar tells what manufacturing meant in New York a half century ago.

"In the 50s for a man to be a machinist he had to be able to do almost

any kind of metal work. He had to know how to chip and file to nearly the accuracy of the modern planer. The absolute mastery of the chisel and the file was essential before a man could think of calling himself a machinist."

He goes on to say: "We had lathes and drill presses and forges, but only a few small planers. Adjustments were made by hand; there were no automatic machines."

"There were no turret lathes to perform half a dozen operations without readjustment. Each operation was a separate entity for which the mechanic had to select the proper tool."

"He not only had to select his tools and keep them properly ground, but he must know how to make his own tools. In deed, as there were few first class tools to be had, most of the machinery

we needed we made there too, the shop buying the raw material. Practically everything entering into their product, including bolts and the like, was made on the premises."

Speeding Up Postal Service

A corporal of the 129th United States Infantry has just received official notice that he is dead. Once in a great while these days, a letter gets in ahead of time.

All men are born free and equal—and some remain in the bachelor class to the end.

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